



Prevention Committee – 12 April 2018

It is now a year since the Prevention Committee was formed under the NFCC and there is a huge amount of work taking place. We will soon be publishing our committee work plan on the NFCC website and it is great to see real progress happening, which is due to all of those who have committed their time and expertise to our work. There are too many individuals to name, but a huge thank you to all of those involved in the four workstreams.

Water Safety

We are seeing a number of significant projects coming to fruition and a lot of interest in the campaigns which we are involved in and collaboration with other partners, remains strong. Of particular note and currently underway are three projects – throwlines, water safety boards and Waterside rescue equipment and data sharing on rescues.

We launched our annual NFCC “Be Water Aware” water safety and drowning prevention campaign week, on Monday the 23rd of April. Alison Kibblewhite, as Practitioners group lead, has worked closely with Monica Perez on the development of a toolkit, which has been developed and improved over the last few years and anyone will be able to use it, from firefighters, teachers, and charities to parents. NFCC Practitioners often advocate for people who have been directly impacted by water safety issues who contact us, to seek to back our campaign and add their personal experience to the content.

Road Safety

We would like to thank all of the FRS involved in National Kids Walk 2017, the feedback has been really positive.

We are aware that the FRS road safety campaigns did not receive positive feedback at the Road Safety GB Conference, due to the belief that there is a lack of evidence that ‘shock events’ have a positive impact on the audience. NFCC will be seeking to present the positive engagement of the FRS in road safety education at the RSGB Conference 2018 and therefore it would be appreciated if services could share their evaluation on the Road Safety Practitioners community. The RS Leads Group recognise the need to get a medium/long term evaluation on Safe Drive Stay Alive and will be looking to work with Highways England to develop a core package.

Home Safety

The first stage of the Home Office work on fire fatalities is now in draft and the second part will be looking at Fire Investigation reports, so FRS’ should expect to receive a request for access to these reports, which we strongly encourage you to support. We have raised that the presentation of the findings will be essential and previous good work has been signposted. As a sector, we need a more consistent approach to how we pull together fire fatality data, in particular, the learning and we hope that this work will progress the development of this discussion.

The Home Safety Committee are working on a home safety toolkit and further details will be circulated on this work as it develops.

The 'fire kills' brand is currently undergoing a strategic review. The recent HMG and NFCC branded national campaign is replacing 'firekills' and evaluation is now underway. All feedback on any of the work is welcomed.

With the support of the National Fire Chiefs Council's Home Safety Committee and Fire Investigation Group, the Home Office is undertaking research into fire-related fatalities within the UK. A letter from the Home Office asking for your assistance in obtaining the relevant data to assist with this research, has been uploaded to the NFCC website, alongside this briefing. We are aware that a number of regions have undertaken work similar to this, however, the NFCC is keen to support the Home Office in establishing UK wide research. The outcomes will be made available to FRS' to ensure our prevention work is best tailored to the needs of our communities. Mindful of the current demands on FRS' for data, the Home Office have agreed to undertake the analysis of the data, they will however need FRS' assistance in the transfer of the necessary Fire Investigation reports. We would be grateful if you could pass this correspondence onto the most appropriate person in your Service and ask that they make contact with [Izzie Preston](#) to discuss the most appropriate next steps for your Service.

Children and Young People (CYP)

A detailed update on this workstream has recently been published on the NFCC website as part of the papers for the Council meeting being held on 26 April 2018, however a short summary of the work is also provided below.

The workstreams, leads and supporting teams have been established and the workplans are also available on the NFCC website as appendices to the update report to Council.

The team are working through the Central Programme Office (CPO) to create professional standards where needed and then will develop training.

Essex FRS and London Fire Brigade are leading on the National Fire Cadets Games in August 2018 and there has been great engagement in the preparations so far.

The Fire Cadets Board welcomes all cadet schemes that involve fire cadets as we believe it is important that we share work that has been developed with wider emergency services schemes, rather than work in service silos. Therefore, we are delighted that the Police have agreed to collaborate with the Staywise project.

The aspiration of the Princes Trust workstream is that every FRS has opportunity to support in some way, so please get in touch with Mark Cashin, Workstream Lead, if you want to discuss the opportunities for your service.

HMICFRS inspectorate plans

The Prevention Committee was delighted to welcome Laura Gibb, HMICFRS, to our meeting on 12 April 2018 to discuss the prevention elements of the judgement criteria, which were published on 11 April. The collaborative approach being taken by the HMICFRS towards this is very encouraging and welcome.

Health Committee review

Over the last few months a comprehensive review of the Health Committee has been undertaken at the request of the NFCC Chair. The full report can be found on the NFCC website as part of the Council reports for 26 April.

The Prevention and Health Committees work plans align and complement each other, so the proposal to bring the health work in as a workstream of the Prevention Committee should not impact on the great work that has been happening, but help to ensure that all work is well aligned and not duplicated. The five priority areas will be maintained and no work will be lost through this structural change.

Many of you will be aware of the history of the Health Committee, which was established as a strategic group under the leadership of Peter O'Reilly. Peter's vision for how this area could come together, with partners to improve the lives of the communities we serve, was ahead of many of us and it is timely to recognise this. Jacqui White has also been hugely influential at bringing this vision together, not only through her sector expertise, but her personal dedication and commitment, so it is great that Jacqui will continue to act as Vice Chair to the health group and will also be invited to attend Prevention Committee.

Leads within Prevention

The leads within the workstreams are listed below for your information. If you are interested in their area or work, or would like to become more involved, please contact them or the NFCC Support Hub, who will be happy to help you.

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